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SUBJ: TURKISH CABINET MEETING ON POPPIES

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1. FOLLOWING A LATE MORNING SEPTEMBER 12 MEETING OF  
TURKISH CABINET, AN ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE THAT MEETING  
INVOLVED DISCUSSION OF "CYPRUS AND POPPIES". NO DETAILS  
WERE GIVEN.

2. DURING EARLY AFTERNOON POLITICAL COUNSELOR PAID A COURTESY  
CALL ON MINISTER OF EDUCATION MUSTAFA USTUNDAG, WHO VOLUNTEERED  
THAT MORNING CABINET MEETING HAD IN FACT BEEN ON THOSE TWO  
SUBJECTS. USTUNDAG, WHO SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH, SAID HE  
THOUGHT THE WORD WAS "STRAW PROCESS" IN ENGLISH AND THIS  
WAS THE ROUTE THAT THE CABINET HAD AGREED UPON DURING THE  
MORNING.

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EM AT APPROXIMATELY SAME TIME USAID DIRECTOR TONER WAS  
ATTENDING A LUNCHEON WITH AGRICULTURE MINISTER OZAL.  
LATTER ALSO REPORTED THAT CABINET MEETING HAD BEEN LARGELY  
DEVOTED TO POPPY ISSUE. HE SAID THE CABINET HAD AGREED TO  
MOVE ON A PROGRAM THAT "WOULD NOT INVOLVE LANCING THE POPPY",  
EVEN THOUGH THE RESULTING STRAW PROCESS MIGHT INVOLVE SOME  
FINANCIAL PROBLEMS FOR THE FARMERS. OZAL ADDED THAT THIS  
LATTER POINT IS BEING STUDIED AND INDICATED THE GOVERNMENT  
WAS INTENT ON MOVING FORWARD.

4. EVEN THOUGH BOTH OF THESE PRIVATE COMMENTS ARE ENCOURAGING,  
WE WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE THAT THERE HAS AS YET BEEN NO  
RPT NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON HOW POPPY PROCESSING  
WILL BE HANDLED.  
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